

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: K. IIDA, et al.

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For: PREVENTIVE AND/OR THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR  
NEUTROPHILIC INFLAMMATORY DISEASES

Group AU: 1614

Examiner: Gregg Polansky

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**RESPONSE****Mail Stop: AMEND – NO FEE**

Commissioner for Patents

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April 26, 2010

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2010, Applicants respectfully elect the Group I claims, that is, claims 1-61 and 68-76, which the Examiner characterizes as being drawn to compounds of formulas (I)-(III). This election is made without traverse.

Further, in response to the Examiner's requirement to elect a single species of Group I, Applicants respectfully elect Compound 127 (see Table 9 on page 105 of Applicants' Substitute Specification submitted August 28, 2006 (hereinafter Applicants' Substitute Specification)).

It is noted that the Examiner indicates that all claims are generic. See Item 4 on page 4 of the Office Action mailed March 24, 2010. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all of the Group I claims, claims 1-61 and 68-76, read on the elected species.